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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant(s): Marc D. Etchells

Serial No.: 10/802,254

For: SHAPED ABSORBENT PADS

Filed: March 17, 2004

Examiner: Melanic Jo Hand

Art Unit: 3761

Confirmation No.: 4331

Customer No.: 27,623

Attorney Docket No.: 2186.005USU

**Mail Stop Amendment**  
**COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS**  
**P.O. Box 1450**  
**Alexandria, VA 22313-1450**

Dear Sir:

**AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL**

We are enclosing an Amendment in response to the communication dated April 6, 2006 in the above-identified application.

Petition for extension of time pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.137 is hereby made if, and to the extent, required. The fee for this extension of time is calculated to be \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to extend the time for filing this response until \_\_\_\_\_.

The fee for any change in number of claims has been calculated as shown below.

CLAIMS AS AMENDED						
	Claims Remaining After Amendment		Highest Number Previously Paid	Present Extra	Rate	
Total Claims	26	Minus	29	0	x \$50.00	\$
Independent Claims	7	Minus	8	0	x \$200.00	\$
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM FEE					x \$360.00 = \$	
TOTAL FEE FOR CLAIM CHANGES					\$0.00	
1/2 FILING FEE FOR SMALL ENTITY					\$N/A	

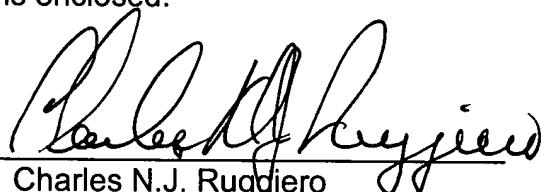
The total fee for this amendment, including claim changes and any extension of time is calculated to be \$ 0.00.

A check in the amount of \$ 0.00 is attached.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16 and 1.17 which may be required with this communication or during the entire pendency of the application, or credit any overpayment, to **Deposit Account No. 01-0467**. A duplicate copy of this Form is enclosed.

July 6, 2006

Date

  
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action ("Action") mailed on April 6, 2006,  
Applicant respectfully submits the following amendment.

**Amendments to the Claims – Begin on page 2.**

**Remarks/Arguments – Begin on page 10.**